



The Honorable Terrence Edwards

INSPECTOR GENERAL, NRO

The Honorable Terrence Edwards was nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate as the NRO Inspector General (IG) in December 2022. In this role, Mr. Edwards leads the NRO's independent oversight office that promotes economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of NRO programs and operations. Under his leadership, the office also investigates allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse or other serious problems in NRO's operations and keeps the director of the NRO and Congress fully informed.

Mr. Edwards most recently served as the chief of staff to the principal deputy director of national intelligence, and is proud to have served the federal government for 17 years. The child of a military family, Mr. Edwards understood from an early age the importance of public service. After obtaining a Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University, Mr. Edwards achieved placement in the Army Material Command Fellowship Program. Through this fellowship, he obtained a Master of Science in Business Administration from Texas A&M University.

In 2005, Mr. Edwards began his career at the Rock Island Arsenal. He advised on a range of business law issues, including multi-million dollar solicitations, contract awards, and contract administration. It was a natural transition to join the Army Sustainment Command and serve as the lead acquisition attorney for the \$150 billion Logistics Civil Augmentation Program IV source selection and contract administration, an experience which laid the foundation for Mr. Edward's current expertise in government acquisitions.

In 2010, Mr. Edwards joined the Army Communications Electronics Command, where he became a senior acquisitions attorney, serving as the senior legal advisor to the general counsel and Source Selection Advisory Councils, ensuring compliance with law, regulation, and Department of Defense policy. It was in this position that Mr. Edwards first gained experience in labor issues, advising senior managers on labor matters and successfully defending the Agency in several Merit Systems Protection Board Cases and EEO Investigations.

Mr. Edwards entered the Intelligence Community in 2012, as a senior attorney at the National Security Agency (NSA). There, he gained expertise in technology, advising several program executive officers and their staff in the areas of intelligence, computer network operations, research and development, technology, and high-performance computing. Mr. Edwards took an active role in the training and professional development of NSA employees, providing organizational training on procurement laws and regulation, and mentoring several junior attorneys in the Acquisition Research and Technology Legal Division.

In 2016, Mr. Edwards became the deputy general counsel for management at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, directly supervising a team of 10+ attorneys, including the alternate designated agency ethics official, and assisting in managing the Office of General Counsel and its 30+ personnel located in multiple offices. In this position, Mr. Edwards leveraged his expertise in acquisitions, technology, and personnel matters to advise a diverse set of clients and ensure compliance with the Constitution and United States law as they faced a complex set of legal issues in national security law, cyber, and information technology law, administrative law and government ethics, fiscal and acquisition law, legislative construction and congressional issues, privacy and civil liberties, and Outer Space Law.

Mr. Edwards is the recipient of the Presidential Rank Award and also holds a Bachelor of Science from McNeese State University. He is a member of the Texas State Bar.